

§ 115.26 Eligibility.

Any manufacturer of containers to be manufactured in a type series from standard design and specifications so that each container has identical characteristics, may apply for approval by design type.

§ 115.27 Where to apply.

A manufacturer may apply for approval of a container by design type to a Certifying Authority of the country in which the container is manufactured if such country is a contracting party to the TIR Convention, 1975, or the Customs Convention on Containers, 1972.

§ 115.28 Application for approval.

Each application by a manufacturer or an owner for certification of a container by design type must include:

(a) Three copies, each no larger than 3 feet by 4 feet, of the customs and TIR/Container plan;

(b) Customs and TIR/Container plan number;

(c) Three copies of the specifications which include the following information:

(1) The name and address of the manufacturer and the owner; and

(2) A description of the container including the—

(i) Type of construction;

(ii) Dimensions;

(iii) Material of construction;

(iv) Coating system used;

(v) Identification marks and numbers; and

(vi) Tare weight;

(d) The location and date for inspection; and

(e) A statement signed by the manufacturer that:

(1) A container of the design type concerned is available for inspection and approval by the Certifying Authority before, during, and after the production run;

(2) Notification will be given to the Certifying Authority of each change in the design before adoption; and

(3) Each container will be marked with:

(i) The metal plate required in § 115.32;

(ii) The identification number or letter of the design type assigned by the manufacturer; and

(iii) The serial number of the container assigned by the manufacturer.

§ 115.29 Plan review.

(a) A manufacturer or owner who wants containers to be approved by design type must submit the plans and specifications for the container to the Certifying Authority.

(b) The Certifying Authority examining the plans and specifications submitted in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section shall:

(1) Approve the plans and specifications in accordance with the requirements of § 115.30 and arrange to inspect a container in accordance with § 115.31; or

(2) Advise the applicant of any necessary changes to be made for compliance with the requirements of § 115.30.

(c) If changes in the design of the container are made during production but after approval of the plans and specifications by the Certifying Authority and furnish it with “as-built” drawings of the container so that the plans can be reviewed and one or more containers inspected during the production stage to confirm that they continue to comply with the requirements of § 115.30.

§ 115.30 Technical requirements for containers by design type.

The plans and specifications of a container submitted in accordance with the requirements contained in § 115.29, and the one or more containers inspected in accordance with the requirements of § 115.31, must comply with the requirements of Annex 7 of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods Under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), November 14, 1975 (TIAS), and Annex 4 of the Customs Convention on Containers (Container Convention), December 2, 1972. Copies of Annex 7 and Annex 4 may be obtained from the Headquarters, U.S. Customs Service, Office of Field Operations, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229.

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